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Home improvements

Living Large

Humour by Steve Galea

Over the years, the idea of home improvement has got a bad rap among those of us who are less than ambitious. Somewhere along the line, we decided this phrase only describes large, painful tasks paid for in sweat, frustration, sore muscles and large amounts of money.

Luckily, you don't always have to go to all that effort.

The trick is to be proactive. All you need to do is add ridiculous things to the honey-do list before your spouse adds the practical items. That way, when your partner asks you to go down the list, he or she will see what's next and won't bother you again.

Add the following projects to the list and no one will ever bother you again.

1. Build a fence. This sounds like a renovation any spouse could get behind, until you mention it's to keep in the herd of goats you plan on buying.
2. Build an outhouse. If your spouse is OK with that, mention that you want to build it in the front yard so when you leave the door open there's a good view of the living room window.
3. Construct a greenhouse. When your spouse gets all excited about having a place to grow plants, clarify that you actually mean another outhouse painted lime green.
4. Dig a sewage lagoon. Call it a doo-doo-it-yourself project and he'll never ask for your input again.
5. Create a waterslide – into the lagoon.
6. Erect an anatomically correct inukshuk at the end of the driveway. Tell her you have just the right place to hang the mailbox too.
7. Fashion the world's largest garden gnome.
8. Bedazzle the front door. Tell him that way "Folks'll think we're rich."
9. Wire up a foghorn to your doorbell.
10. Construct a fountain depicting your old dog and his favourite fire hydrant.

Oh, if your spouse actually wants you to construct any of these things, hire a contractor. At least it will be fun to watch.

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Fort Irwin Marina: Coffee Can Fundraiser 2015

by Janet Trull

Situated between Haliburton Lake and Oblong Lake, Fort Irwin Marina is a busy place in the fall. The boats are lined up to be winterized and wrapped for storage. Every year at this time, seasonal residents close up their cottages and drop by to wish owners Brad and Maria Willing a good winter. They also want to know the final tally of the annual fundraiser. The coffee can on the counter is full of bills and coins, which this year will help to fund the bereavement support program at SIRCH. Change from a chocolate bar, a child's first opportunity to give to charity, a generous gift from an appreciative customer; it added up to more than $200. As always, Brad and Maria matched the amount. The Willings are also very social, hosting and attending lots of dinners with Fort Irwin friends. One of the friends decided they should put out a "coffee can" whenever they get together. Even Maria was surprised that this little initiative amounted to $652 making a total of $1,094 for SIRCH. Maria says the money will support grieving individuals in Haliburton County.

Marilyn Rydberg from SIRCH drove out to Fort Irwin to pick up the coffee can. If you need a reminder, SIRCH stands for Support Initiatives for the Residents of the County of Haliburton. She gratefully accepted the money to fund the Journey Through Grief initiative that offers support to those who have lost loved ones. An introductory 10-week program helps people understand their grief. Following that, there is a program available to examine what life will look like in the future, and, because so many have requested a way to keep in touch after the programs end, SIRCH has started a monthly drop-in group.

Without base funding, SIRCH depends on charitable contributions to keep the bereavement support program going. Marilyn feels it is important not to charge a fee to grieving participants. It takes courage to join a group when you are overwhelmed with a loss. Grieving is lonely work, she says, and the program should be accessible to everyone. It was developed by Lyle Horn, from Hospice Peterborough and is called, "Grief Recovery, the Journey towards New Wholeness and Health." It has proven to be effective in helping people regain joy and a sense of purpose in life.

The donation from Fort Irwin Marina will help to train facilitators, fund events (such as a special Christmas service) and pay overhead costs. Marilyn Rydberg, trained as a nurse and involved in hospice work since 1992, encourages other groups to consider this cause if they are looking for a local charity to support. Grief is something we all experience sooner or later. Eventually, SIRCH would like to expand the service to more towns and villages in Haliburton County. For people who are not comfortable in a group setting, or who may not be ready for the program, Marilyn can connect grieving individuals to other services. Sometimes one-on-one support is more appropriate, she says. Contact information is available at www.SIRCH.on.ca or check their Facebook page.

Meanwhile, Brad and Maria Willing want to thank all their friends and customers who made this year's fundraiser a success. The coffee can is empty now, but it won't be for long.

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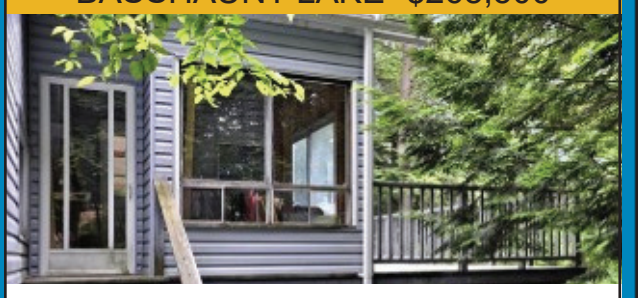

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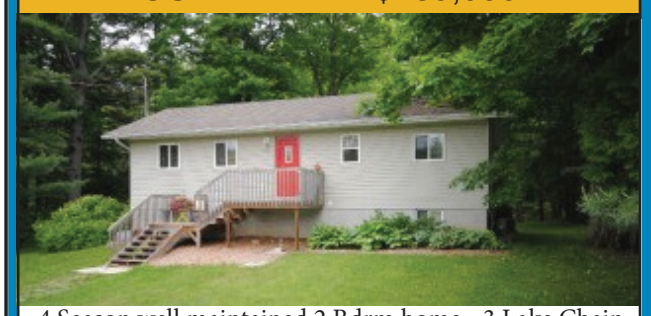

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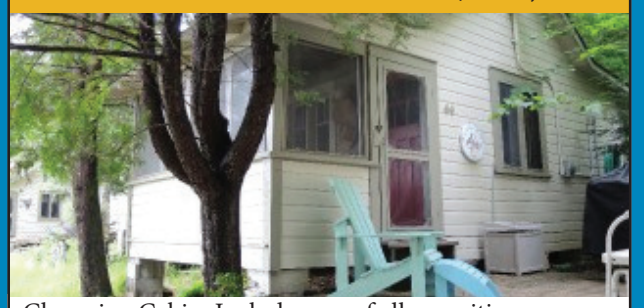

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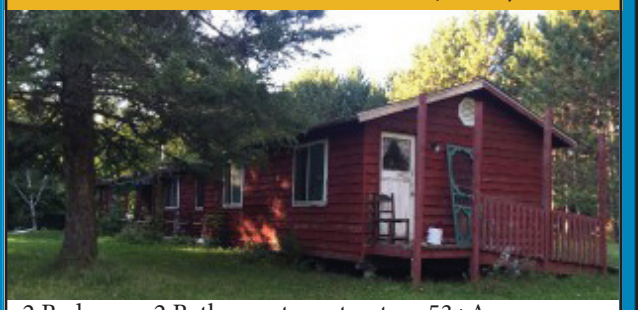

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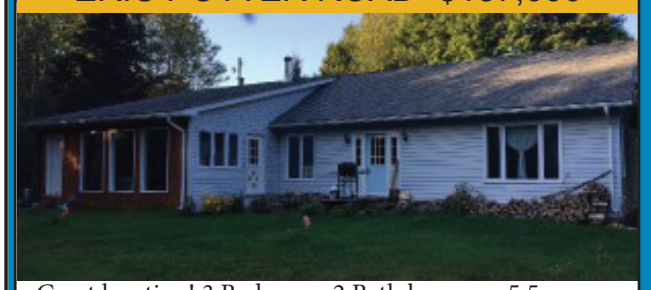

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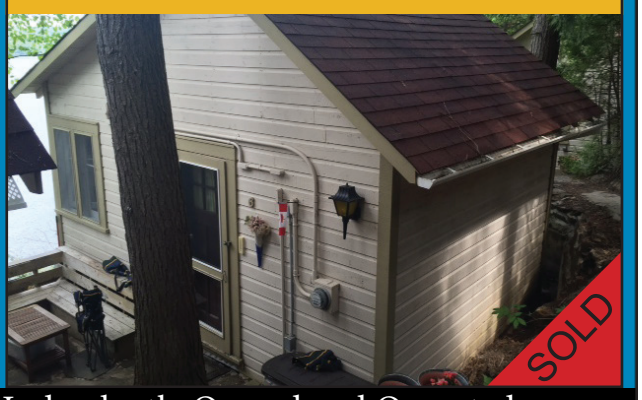

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Gala recognizes environmental contributions

By Angelica Ingram

Quietly, behind the scenes, there are many organizations and groups doing great work on environmental causes just because they care.

On Sept. 27, the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust recognized a select few of those groups and one individual at their eighth annual Wild About Nature Gala at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall.

A fundraiser for the not-for-profit organization committed to preserving the area's natural heritage, the gala included a silent and toonie auction, where original pieces of local art were up for grabs, along with gift certificates, experiences and much more.

Close to 100 people filled the hall to dine on a delicious buffet and recognize the groups and individuals bestowed with the honour of Enviro-Hero.

This year marks the 10th anniversary for the organization, said interim chairwoman Dianne Mathes, pointing out founding board member Sheila Ziman was in attendance.

"I still feel like I'm trying to fill her shoes and at best I do OK," joked Mathes. "We owe huge thanks to that original board of directors and to all the volunteers ... for all the work that they have done towards the goal of protecting the land in Haliburton that we love."

The MC for the evening was Brigitte Gall, who presented the Enviro-Hero awards for the past year. Recipients were recognized with a plaque at the gala as well as an acre in the Dahl Forest in their name.

This year the Enviro-Hero award for Minden Hills was presented to the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow, for their work on integrated water management and partnership with the Trent-Severn Waterway. Accepting on behalf of CEWF was past-chairman Chris Riddle and chairman Ted Spence.

Enviro-Hero for Dysart was given to the Fleming College sustainable building design program, the first of its kind in Canada. Accepting the award on behalf of the program were Ted Brandon, Pat Marcotte and David Belsey.

The award for Algonquin Highlands was given to the Hawk Halls Lake Property Owners Association, for its work done on the Elvin Johnson Park shoreline restoration project. Accepting on behalf of the association was president Peter Dadzis.

"The one person that should have been here tonight to have gotten this award on behalf of the association was Terry Moore and I promised him today that if I had a chance today to speak, which I'm doing, that I would acknowledge him as being an absolute asset not just to our lake association, not just to Algonquin Highlands township, not just to Haliburton County, but to all the environmental issues and progress," said Dadzis. "So Terry, you're in our hearts."

The final Enviro-Hero of the night was Highlands East's Mary Barker, who was unable to attend the gala. In her place Peter Fredericks accepted the award given to Barker for her work on the Highlands East GeoTour, which is the No. 1 tour in Canada.

"It's a wonderful thing to live in a community like this where so many people do so much," said Gall.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust director Chris Whittemore, right, presents the Enviro-Hero award for Highlands East to Peter Fredericks (who stepped in for Mary Barker who was absent) at the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's Wild About Nature Gala on Sept. 27. Barker was recognized for her efforts to establish a GeoTour in Highlands East, which is the number one tour in Canada. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

The Enviro-Hero award for Dysart was presented to, from left, David Belsey, Pat Marcotte and Ted Brandon, representing the Fleming College Sustainable Building Design program. The organization was recognized for being the first college in Canada to offer the unique, hands on program that has an environmental focus. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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Be careful when appointing directors

Greg Cholkan
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When one spouse incorporates a business, the other spouse is often made a shareholder for income tax planning purposes. Sometimes they're actively involved in running the business, sometimes they're not. Occasionally, both spouses will also be appointed as directors. But this isn't always advisable, since directors can be personally liable for certain business debts.

For example, Section 323 of the Excise Tax Act clearly states that directors are personally liable if the "corporation fails to remit an amount of net tax as required." In other words, directors can be personally liable for any HST owing to the government from the company. Recently, a colleague of mine had the CRA chase one of his clients for $150,000 of unpaid HST.

The client had been appointed as a director for no particular reason and she wasn't at all involved in running the business. Unfortunately for her, the other director was her ex-husband, who bankrupted the company and was also bankrupt personally. So the CRA went after her. Luckily, my colleague was able to gather evidence which showed that she did not have an active role in the business and that she didn't understand the implications of becoming a director. The CRA eventually backed off.

This defence occasionally works. In Ciriello v The Queen, the court held that one of two directors "lacked the skill and experience to recognize any default by the corporation in remitting its GST" and that, therefore, "any individual with her level of skill, experience and qualifications, or lack of them, would have acted in the same way that she did." She was not personally liable for the debt. Here, the court looked at what a reasonable person would have done in her shoes (the objective part), but also at her specific characteristics (the subjective part).

But the legal test remains somewhat unclear. While the objective-subjective approach highlighted in the case above was endorsed by a panel of judges a few years ago in the Federal Court of Appeal, a different panel of judges in that same court disagreed. In The Queen v Buckingham, the judges applied an objective test which created a stricter standard on which a director is to be judged. Arguably, the intent there was to discourage the appointment of inactive directors.

The main takeaway is this: don't appoint directors willy-nilly and don't assume that role without understanding your rights, duties and obligations. Otherwise, you might find yourself paying off the company's debts!

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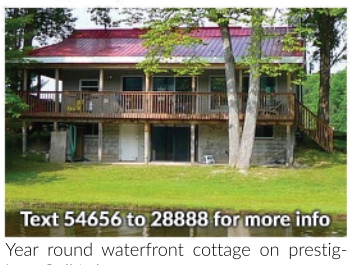

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Algonquin Outfitters have 4 locations in the Haliburton Highlands. The Downtown Haliburton and Oxtongue Lake Stores are open all year. Minden and Gull River Paddling School are open in the summer and Sir Sam's Ski and Bike Pro-Shop operates in the winter, making them a full four-season destination. This year Algonquin Outfitters will be celebrating their 10th anniversary in the Haliburton Highlands with Boatwerks The only full service whitewater kayak and canoe shop in the area boasts the latest models of river running and playboating kayaks and canoes along with an extensive range of accessories. A rental and demo fleet is also on hand for the world class whitewater at the nearby Gull River. In addition, AO Boatwerks also carries a full lineup of flatwater canoes and kayaks, wakeboards, waterskis, water toys and surfwear.

An exciting addition to the Algonquin Outfitters/AO Boatwerks management team in Haliburton Highlands is newly appointed regional manager Chris Varga. Chris will be managing the Haliburton store as the focus shifts from summer whitewater paddling and cottage watersports to all great outdoor winter activities like Skiing, Boarding, Snowshoeing.

Chris has made great strides to grow and develop AO customer experience in the local area. As the company continues to expand their horizons, they also continue to share their adventurous spirit within the communities they service. This year they will once again be featuring a winter special "buy a jacket, donate your old jacket and get a $50 AO Gift Card" offer.

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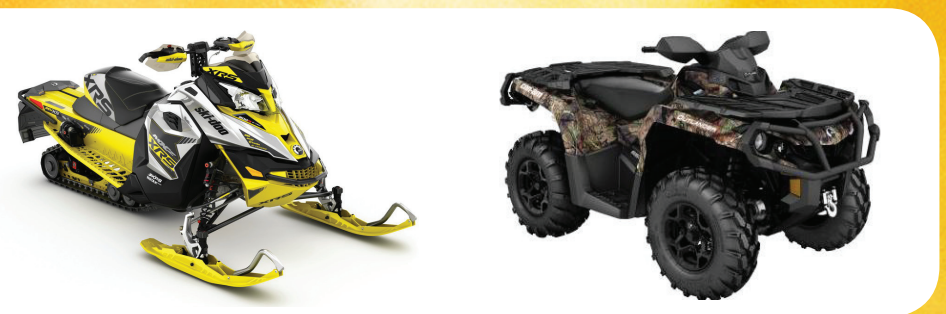

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Homemade Stew returns for third time

The hills of the Haliburton Highlands will be alive with the sounds of locally "grown" music on Oct. 17. For the third year in a row the Haliburton County Folk Society will be showcasing the talents of a variety of local musicians in a concert they call Homemade Stew. President Barrie Martin is happy to report that "there are so many talented musicians in Haliburton County that we continue to be able to present different, local performers each year with no repeats."

Eve Goldberg, a well-known Canadian singer-songwriter and three-time finalist for the Colleen Peterson Songwriting Award, performed at a Home Routes concert in the Haliburton Highlands on Sept. 27. She is a frequent visitor to the Haliburton Highlands and during her opening remarks stated that she believes "that Haliburton County is a very special place and that there are no other small, rural communities that have the strong and vibrant performing arts presence that she experiences in the Haliburton Highlands."

The vitality of the performing arts in this region continues to attract new musicians to the area. This year's Homemade Stew includes a duo called High Winds. The duo consists of Alana J. Brown and Michael Lindberg. Alana has been cottaging in the Highlands for 20 years and says "We strive off of the energy that comes from lakes, trees and sunsets, and couldn't be happier about making the decision to have Haliburton as our new home."

Jeff Moulton's vocal talent has resulted in winning many talent contests, including one in Las Vegas. He is currently the lead singer for a "Bad Company" tribute band called Rock Steady. He has had a lifelong connection with the Haliburton Highlands through his parent's cottage and made the move to full-time resident status in November 2014. He is looking forward to the local exposure of the Homemade Stew concert and states "We have a great community here: Lots of local support from the public and business community."

Jim Love, a relative newcomer to the county, may be best known locally as the author of the song "Carolyn and I." However, Love has been a singer/songwriter for over 30 years. In the '70s and '80s he wrote for a band called "Sphere." Their first album was nominated for a Juno and second album went gold in Canada. Love also has songwriting credits for a number of musicals. In addition to the county newbies the Homemade Stew concert is proud to feature many talented performers who have lived in the Highlands for many years, some their whole lives.

The Shout Sister Choir will bring a blend of 30 local women's voices to the evening, under the leadership of Laurel McCauley. Shout Sisters takes an unorthodox approach to choral singing, with no auditions and no requirement to read music. Instead they learn from recorded tracks. The choir sings a variety of music from pop and Motown, to folk, country and blues. One of the beliefs of this organization is that singing with others is both powerful and joyful and should be open to everyone.

Ryan VanLieshout, Dark is Our Danger (Ryan Dawson, Cedric Butz, and Greg Luck), Melissa Stephens, Lauren Margison, The Joe Bell Quartet, and The McClay Experience will round out the night with a variety of music from classical to psychedelic blues. These well known, multi-talented local performers are always a joy to experience and the lineup portends an unforgettable evening of music that celebrates the heart of what the Haliburton Highlands is all about: the spirit of community.

The third annual Homemade Stew concert is happening on Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Doors open at 7. Tickets are available online at www.haliburtonfolk.com, Halco Electronics/The Source in Haliburton and The Organic Times in Minden. For more information call 705-754-FOLK or visit www.haliburtonfolk.com.

The Shout Sister choir, seen in this file photo, will bring a blend of 30 local women's voices to Homemade Stew on Oct. 17. CHAD INGRAM photo

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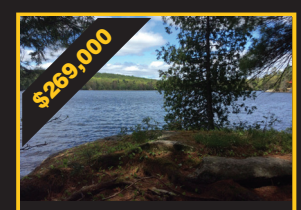

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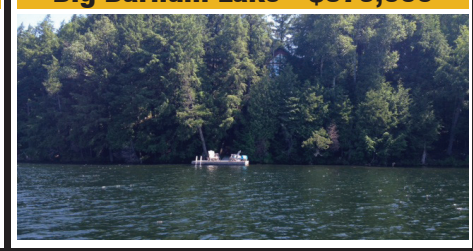

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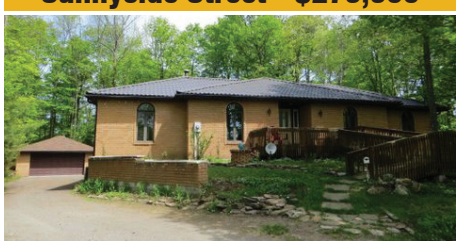

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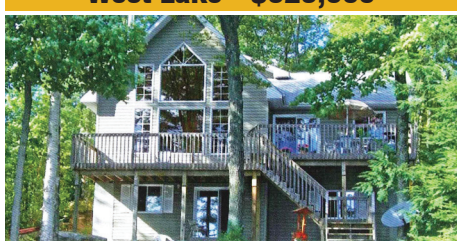

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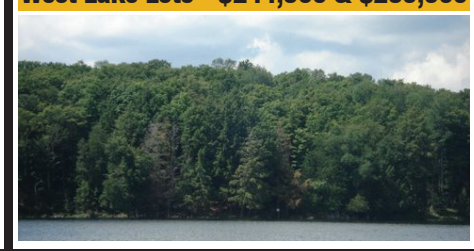

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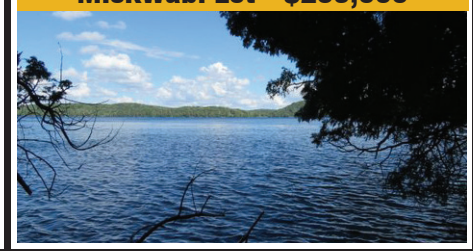

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Tips to avoid tree cutting danger

The Ministry of Labour reports that in the past four years, nine people died and 67 were critically injured in Ontario while working on trees, as a result of unsafe work practices.

Trees have no shortage of hazards associated with them—beetles, storms, brittle branches, the propensity of birds, raccoons and other wildlife who make trees their home. A compromised tree is full of surprises. Professional arborists rely on their formal training and field experience to undertake a detailed diagnostic process and identify risks before making the cut—especially important with ash trees infested by the ubiquitous emerald ash borer and whose limbs and trunks break in unpredictable ways.

A qualified and well-protected arborist takes a tree down safely.
Matt Logan photo

The International Society of Arboriculture warns homeowners about the dangers of hiring workers without experience who buy chainsaws and market themselves as professional tree trimmers in what even certified and veteran arborists call a dangerous profession. Fly-by-night operators eager to make a quick dollar close their eyes to the fact that tree cutting is a serious trade, supported by colleges and private companies offering training and apprenticeship programs.

"Homeowners need to know who's in their backyard" says Stephen McQuigge, a member of the board of directors, ISAO. "Consumers need to know who's in their backyard. They need to front-load the question, 'Do you have the credentials to prove you're competent to perform this work? What is your knowledge, training and experience?' When the fire department, police, EMS and MOL are standing in your back yard, it's a lousy time to figure out whether your contractor is insured and competent to perform the job."

The important thing for homeowners to know is that not everyone who claims to be a qualified arborist in fact is one – putting homeowners at risk of injury, fatalities, and personal liability. Surges in demand, the result of pests like the emerald ash borer, tornadoes and inclement weather, combined with long waiting periods for tree trimming and removal, have given rise to unqualified people promoting themselves to do the work.

"If you're having work that is risky done on your property, take the right steps to reduce the impact on your home," advises Steve Kee, a director at the Insurance Bureau of Canada. "By checking to see if the business is registered with the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, and if it carries workers' compensation on its employees, you're protecting yourself."

Tips to reduce your risk

The arborist profession is not regulated, which means the onus for hiring a reputable company and experienced tree cutter rests with the homeowner. Here are several ways you can look for barometers of competency:

1. Inquire about the length of time the company or individual has been in this business.
2. Request details on the company's and/or tree trimmer's health and safety record.
3. Ask for a copy of the firm's WSIB clearance certificate number and other applicable liability insurance, and check to ensure it is in good standing. If you are hiring a self-employed individual, find out what type of insurance the worker has through the WSIB or through another insurance provider.
4. Find out what licenses, qualifications or certifications the individual has for this work. What education and training, and in particular safety training, the individual has completed? Does the person have the right skills for the job? There is a big difference between cutting a tree at ground level, and removing limbs from the canopy.
5. Ask for references and call to inquire if other clients were satisfied.
6. Ask for written estimates from more than one company, bearing in mind that the right skills and equipment, and proper insurance, might cost more but is well worth the investment.

If you have questions, contact the Ontario International Society of Arboriculture at www.isaontario.com or Workplace Safety & Prevention Services at www.wsps.ca

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How to make your renovation a successful, positive experience

By Scott McGillivray

Oftentimes the investment a homeowner makes in renovations is substantial, both financially and emotionally. The stakes are high. That's why it's imperative that the job is done well from start to finish. There are a number of steps a homeowner can take to ensure a positive experience and a successful outcome, including:

1. Know your goal. Ask the question, "What is this renovation designed to accomplish? More functionality? Storage? Living space?" If a homeowner doesn't know where they're going with the renovation, chances are they'll never get there.

2. Do your research. In most things, knowledge is power, and knowing what to expect, in advance, can keep expectations in check. Investigate options, budgets and timelines, and arrange financing in advance.

3. Hire professionals. Be sure that they are happy to work with you to meet your budget and achieve your vision. Communicate clearly and often to ensure understanding on both sides.

4. Opt for a general contractor and trades that are experienced, licensed and insured. Don't hesitate to check credentials and references. Get recommendations from family, friends and colleagues who have had work done and were satisfied with the results.

5. Start with quality building materials. When it comes to home renovation and construction, the adage, "it's what's on the inside that counts" seems apt. While homeowners tend to get caught up in the aesthetics of a project, such as finishings and paint colours, the key to a successful renovation often lies in what you won't see. Investing in quality behind your walls will ensure durability, comfort and safety for years to come.

6. Focus on the basics. This includes quality electrical, plumbing, HVAC, framing and drywall. Don't underestimate the importance of insulation – especially in a basement renovation.

7. Develop a good plan. This includes preparing for the unexpected. Setting aside a 20 per cent contingency fund will help bring you to the finish line when unanticipated issues creep up.

Lastly, the key to a successful renovation includes patience. Living in a construction zone – or alternately moving out while the work is done – can be stressful and trying. Keep your eyes on the prize. There's nothing more rewarding than the end result, which can bring years of enjoyment and ultimately add to your home's bottom line.

Scott McGillivray is an award-winning TV host, a full-time real estate investor, contractor, author, and educator. Follow him on Twitter @smcgillivray.

Home builders host Ontario gala

September 29, 2015 Huntsville, Ontario:The Ontario Home Builders' Association's (OHBA) President's Gala welcomed the incoming president John Meinen and paid tribute to association members and delegates who have gone above and beyond for the industry.

Special Recognition Awards to Mair French of Bert French & Son Limited, Patti Tallman of Contractors Rental Supply Limited Partnership (CRS) and Susan Thomas of Francis Thomas Contracting for their contributions to their local association. The Haliburton County Home Builders' Association (HCHBA) hosted this year's conference and was instrumental in organizing this year's event.

The conference was extremely successful and many local companies assisted in that success. The association would like to thank JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports, Clay & Amy Glecoff of V & S Haliburton, County Signs, Rhubarb Restaurant & Boshkung Brewing Company, Moon Shadow Estate Winery, Abbey Gardens and First Student Bus Company for their contributions. We would also like to thank Fielding Estate Winery, Petrini Construction and Bob Porter for assisting with the wine.

Gary Burtch, Past President of Haliburton County Home Builders' Association welcomes 450 delegates to OHBA Conference breakfast.

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2. **Experienced advice.** A professional renovator has the experience and knowledge to help turn your ideas into great results. They listen, make suggestions, and look for the best way of doing things.
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I want to do the work myself

For many homeowners, do-it-yourself home renovation and repair projects are a source of considerable enjoyment and pride. The best advice we can offer is to consider your own skills and abilities carefully when planning your projects. Getting in "over your head" can end up costing more money than hiring professional help in the first place.

Do you have any knowledge of building codes and good building practices which is essential for many projects?

Do you have the time to research, plan and do the work properly?

If required, do you know trade contractors and subtrades that will do a good job on your home? And will you be able to schedule their work without overlaps or lengthy delays?

If you act as your own contractor and hire someone to work for you, do you know how to protect yourself against liabilities in case of accidents or mistakes? Or against damage to your home in the course of the work?

Do you have the proper tools to do a good and attractive job?

If your primary reason to do the work yourself is to save money, talk to one or several renovators before you make a final decision. An experienced renovator may be able to suggest ways of reducing the cost of your project while still using professional services, such as modifying the design or substituting products. You can also save by doing the finishing work yourself, such as painting or wallpapering.

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Get your home fall- and winter-ready with five simple projects

If boots, a warm hat and a tuned-up snow blower are the only items on your winter preparation list, your home maintenance plan may need a makeover. These simple home maintenance projects can help lower your energy bills, prevent more costly repairs and/or increase the lifespan of your home.

1. Heating and Ventilation – Examine your fireplace and chimney system to ensure that no soot or creosote has collected. Any cracks or voids could potentially cause a fire. Before you turn the furnace or boiler on, replace the air filter and hire a professional to inspect the unit more thoroughly. These steps will improve the efficiency and life of your furnace and will ensure stable indoor air quality.
2. Seal Windows and Doors – If not properly sealed, windows and doors can be a major culprit for heat loss. To keep the warm air inside, inspect the weather-stripping around your home's windows and doors for leaks, rot or decay. Repair or replace structural framing, and caulk inside and out, if necessary.
3. Insulate well – One of the easiest and most effective defenses against heat loss is proper insulation. Prevent cold drafts from entering and the loss of heated air through basement headers, which, when left exposed, can make your furnace work harder.
4. Backyard Care – Save your property from potential damage by trimming overgrown trees and shrubs to prevent ice-laden branches from thrashing against electrical wires and your home's exterior. Drain/shut off any exterior faucets and sprinkler systems to prevent freezing. Ensure rain or snow drains away from the house to avoid foundation problems.
5. Roof and Gutters – Inspect your roof for shingles that are warped, damaged or even missing to prevent a future leak. Use roofing cement and a caulking gun to seal joints where water could penetrate, such as around the chimney, skylights or vent pipes. Make sure that your gutters and downspouts are securely fastened. Downspouts should extend at least five feet away from the home to prevent flooding.

When it comes to preventative maintenance, a little time and effort can save thousands in energy costs and repair bills over the lifetime of your home.

Weekend renovation projects

The following are a handful of DIY renovation projects homeowners can tackle in a typical weekend.

1. Closet conversion: Ample closet space is a big plus for home buyers, but upon moving into a new home, many homeowners may find they don't need as much closet space as they initially thought. Guest room walk-in closets, in particular, may prove to be underutilized resources. Such closets often come with built-in shelving, and therefore, they make ideal spaces to convert to mini home offices or study areas for kids. Installing an extra shelf to serve as a desk area for remote working or homework stations won't take up much of a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, and before you know it, you will have a fully functioning workspace.

2. Accent wall: Accent walls can liven up a room by breaking the colour pattern of the walls in the room. Accent walls also can be used to divert attention on a particular design element in a room, such as a painting or an elaborate wall furnishing. Painting an accent wall won't take very long, but such a project can give a room an entirely new look and feel.
3. Driveway: If weather permits, repaving an asphalt driveway can be an ideal weekend project, especially if an existing driveway has endured its fair share of wear and tear. Many driveways can be paved anew in a single day, but larger driveways or those that have endured an extraordinary amount of wear and tear may take a couple of days.
4. Storage and shelving: Much like some homes come with an abundance of storage areas, others fall short of homeowners' or apartment dwellers' needs. If your home or apartment falls into the latter category, adding some shelving or finding some new furniture that can serve double duty as storage areas is a weekend project that can help clear up some space. Purchase some wood shelving from a local furniture retailer to mimic the look of traditional built-ins or replace existing single-use furniture with newer items capable of serving multiple functions, including storage.
5. Art: If the rooms and hallways in your home are bare or in need of new looks but your budget is tight, try your hand at spicing things up by creating some of your own paintings. Parents can encourage kids to create their own colourful masterpieces. Frame the finished works and hang them on the wall and enjoy your inexpensive and homemade art gallery.

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Four easy tips for a basement makeover

By Scott McGillivray

The start of a new season is the perfect time to check some tasks off of your to-do list – whether it's to get in shape or tackle at-home projects. If you're planning on making some simple but effective changes at home, here are some tips on how to give your basement a total 180-degree makeover.

Soundproof it

Installing acoustic insulation is the perfect excuse to crank up the subwoofer, host a get-together or let the kids run wild. Soundproofing is the ultimate solution to maximize your basement's peace, quiet and privacy.

Out with the old, in with a floor

Installing a new floor or updating the existing one can improve the overall comfort level and look of your basement. Many unfinished basements have basic concrete flooring, which is cold year-round. Flooring options are endless – hardwood, laminate, cork and Berber flooring all add warmth to a basement bedroom or TV room; play mats are great for kids' playrooms; and carpets are perfect to make any room feel more comfy and welcoming.

Get creative with a fresh coat of paint

Transform the dull and boring space into an inviting entertainment oasis or a colourful playroom with a simple coat of paint. When considering the paint, think about what colour will complement your existing furniture. To add some drama, consider adding depth and visual interest to your space with a different coloured accent wall.

Accessorize it

Throw pillows, rugs, lighting, and artwork are simple additions that can immediately enhance or change your basement's look and feel. Pot lights can modernize, while art work and throw pillows can add a splash of colour. Decide on a theme and colour scheme for your room and keep your eye out for staple pieces that will make it feel like an entirely new space.

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- With the draft still in the fully open position add two or three seasoned logs to your fire. Form a trench in the ash bed to allow air to reach the rear of the firebox prior to closing the door.
- After about 45 minutes, when your wood has begun to burn strongly, adjust your draft control down to keep the fire at a moderate level. Warning: Never build a roaring fire in a cold stove. Always warm your stove up slowly!
- Once a bed of coals has been established on the firebrick hearth, you may adjust the draft control to a low setting to operate the unit at its most efficient mode.
- During the first few fires, keep the combustion rate at a moderate level and avoid a large fire. Only after five or six such fires can you operate the stove at its maximum setting, and only after the metal has been warmed.
- For the first few days, the stove will give off an odour from the paint. This is to be expected as the high temperature paint becomes seasoned. Windows and/or doors should be left open to provide adequate ventilation while this temporary condition exists. Burning the stove at a very high temperature the first few times may damage the paint. Burn fires at a moderate level the first few days.
- Do not place anything on the stove top during the curing process. This may result in damage to your paint finish.
- During the first few days it may be more difficult to start the fire. As you dry out your firebrick and your masonry flue, your draft will increase.
- For those units installed at higher elevations or into sub-standard masonry fireplaces, drafting problems may occur. Consult an experienced dealer or mason on methods of increasing your draft.
- Some cracking and popping noises may be experienced during the heating up process. These noises will be minimal when your unit reaches temperature.
- Before opening your door to reload, open draft fully for approximately 10 to 15 seconds until fire has been re-established. This will minimize any smoking.
- All fuel burning appliances consume oxygen during operation. It is important that you supply a source of fresh air to your unit while burning. A slightly opened window is sufficient for the purpose. If you also have a fireplace in your home, a downdraft may be created by your stove causing a draft down your chimney. Caution: If this occurs, slightly open a window near your unit. If the body of your unit, flue baffle or any part of the chimney connector starts to glow, you are overfiring. Stop loading fuel immediately and close the draft control until the glow has completely subsided.
- Green or wet wood is not recommended for your unit. If you must add wet or green fuel, open the draft control fully until all moisture has been dispersed by the intense fire. Once all moisture has been removed, the draft control may be adjusted to maintain the fire.
- If you have been burning your stove on a low draft, use caution when opening the door. After opening the damper, open the door a crack, and allow the fire to adjust before fully opening the door.
- The controls of your unit or the air supply passages should not be altered to increase firing for any reason.
- If you burn the unit too slowly or at too low a setting your unit will not be operating as efficiently as it can. An easy rule of thumb says that if your glass is clean, then your flue is clean and your exhaust is clean. Burn the stove hot enough to keep your glass clean and you won't need to clean your flue as often.

Earth-friendly tips for autumn

Autumn is upon us, and with the change of seasons comes the fall to-do list that must be completed before the arrival of winter weather. Many outdoor jobs are best completed before temperatures drop, while others can be tackled indoors to help save energy and prepare for increased time spent inside the home.

Outdoor cleanup

Autumn means leaves are falling from trees and littering landscapes. Cleaning up leaves can be a time-consuming task, but it's necessary to promote the health of lawns and other plants. Grass that is completely matted down with leaves can become starved for light and moisture, and lawns may even rot when forced to spend winter beneath fallen leaves.

One eco-friendly timesaver is to shred leaves with a mower (a manual mower is preferable) and leave them as topdressing for the lawn. As long as the grass blades can be seen within the leaves, the lawn should be fine. Shredded leaves will decompose and add necessary nutrients and organic matter to the soil naturally.

Leaves also can be used in annual flower and vegetable gardens to improve the soil. Mulch made from shredded leaves can be placed on the soil around trees and shrubs. This helps to reduce weed problems and protects root systems from harsh temperature fluctuations.

Clothing donations

It's time to pack away summer clothing and once again fill closets and drawers with sweaters and jeans. Before packing away your summer wardrobe, conduct an inventory to determine if there are any items you no longer use. Donate these items or use them as rags when cleaning.

Keep some short-sleeved shirts accessible so you can layer them under sweatshirts and sweaters. The heat from layering will be trapped against your body and keep you cozier, reducing your reliance on HVAC systems to stay warm.

Home repairs

Check the roof for any missing shingles. In addition, look for spots where animals or insects may be able to gain entry into your home. Seal these areas and repair any leaks. This will make your home more efficient later on when winter hits its stride.

Remove window air conditioners for the winter. If they can't be removed, seal them with caulking or tape and cover them with an airtight, insulated jacket. If you have forced-air systems, move furniture away from the vents so that air can flow better around the home and keep it comfortable.

Check weatherstripping around windows and doors and make the necessary adjustments. Installing additional insulation also can help reduce energy consumption.

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Consumer, protect yourself

By Ian Myers

When I was 18 years old, I worked in a printing shop. There was a small poster on the wall that said, Service – Quality – Price.....Pick Any Two.

Later in life, being a business owner I have reflected back on those words. Another pragmatic verse I have over the years assimilated – in reference to hiring a contractor is,

"You may not like the highest quote - but, stay away from the lowest one as well." It is ironic to me how much of our business is fixing the mistakes of home owners that stretched for that plastic ring, doing the job themselves without knowing how or went for the lowest price sacrificing quality, service or both. When I think of the consumer dollars wasted buying a cheap or improperly installed household appliance it is mind boggling. Everyone always talks about environmental impact and foot-prints.

How many actually make major purchases mainly on the basis of quality and value? How many factor in the service provided (or not) by the vendor when they decide where to buy? How many tons of pollutants are kept from the environment when an appliance is serviced as it should be by a knowledgeable vendor?

When it comes to researching a product or service-there is something more reliable than the Internet, my friends. It's real people, your community, people your know real and breathing with real experiences.

There is another little phenomena that I like to call "poaching." It happens in our industry, the hearth industry – were cottagers will purchase a wood stove from somewhere other than the Haliburton County area. A stove that can be purchased from a local authorized dealer, but they find it available, deeply discounted elsewhere. I call this poaching because any self respecting retailer will service the products that they sell and not sell beyond their serviceable area. In fact, the only motivation for such sales practices is the simple fact that they do not have much in the way of local sales. They are quite happy to have no more contact with the purchaser of their products and often give terrible advice about installation. A very small percentage of out of town businesses will venture to install a great distance away.

But, can you seriously expect quality service? Beyond your initial large purchase do you really expect they will come back for a minor service call? Do you think the local Authorized Dealer will be happy to hear from you when you cannot get a call back on your two year old appliance that could have been purchased from them? There is more than one good reason to shop local. You are in fact investing in yourself when you do so.

Consider moisture issues when choosing insulation

By Scott McGillivray

We insulate our homes primarily to keep them warm in the winter and cool in the summer. As a result, most of us evaluate insulation based on its thermal properties, which is definitely important to consider. However, there is another aspect of wall and ceiling insulation that should be considered before making a final decision, and that's moisture. If you choose the wrong insulation, moisture can seriously damage the long-term performance of the insulation, drastically reducing the benefits it offers to your home.

Although wall and ceiling cavities may be out of sight after a home is built, they are very important spaces in residential construction and remodeling projects. They play a critical role in managing the interior temperature, noise level, air-flow and mould levels. It is important that the insulation in the walls and ceilings works just as well years after installation as it does the day after the project is completed. This means that the insulation needs to stay consistent over time – any sagging, compressing or rotting will compromise the safety and comfort of your home.

To combat these potential problems, look for insulation that does not absorb water, but repels it. Stone wool insulation is a good choice. Water-resistance is important year-round, but especially in summer, when humidity levels rise, and in spring and fall, when rain and moisture levels can increase dramatically. It's vital that your insulation won't compress or sag within the wall or ceiling cavity, because when insulation materials compress and sag, they leave gaps, compromising the thermal performance of the wall. Cold, heat and sound can pass through much more easily, creating a living space that's less comfortable and more expensive to heat and cool.

Another important consideration when choosing insulation is mould resistance. Materials that resist mould growth are essential to the health of your home and family. Because mould feeds on organic matter, selecting an insulation that is composed of nonorganic matter is ideal to prevent rot.

Keeping moisture and mould at bay with a quality insulation will contribute to a safer indoor environment and provide energy savings and comfort benefits that can last for the lifetime of a home.

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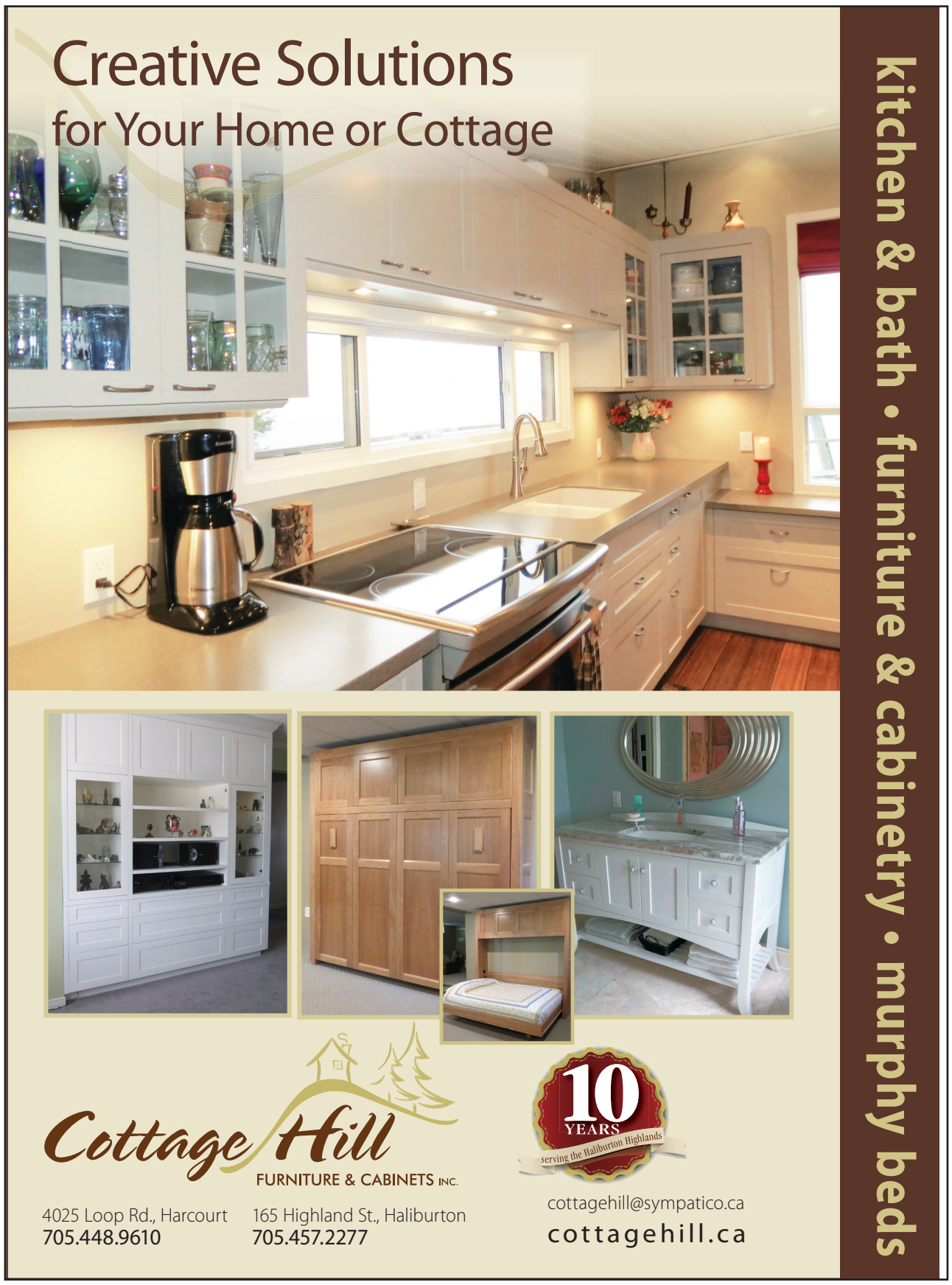

Upcycling in 2015

By Cammy George

Upcycling is not a new concept. Some of the best examples of modern-day upcycling come from the 1930s-40s when many families had few financial or material resources. Back then, they reused almost everything, repurposing items over and over until they were no longer useful: Feed sacks became dresses or old doors became the new dining room table. I can remember my girlfriend's mom carefully folding and re-using aluminum foil, and my parents re-purposed clothing into pillows, re-painted chairs, and made lights out of just about anything,

What's old is new again, but with a twist. For some people, upcycling is still about saving money. Thrift is still a trend today and a big reason some people upcycle. Others enjoy the artistic aesthetic, with lots of upcycled items rivaling those found in high-end stores, and featured in decorating magazines. But one of the biggest reasons for the rebirth of upcycling is the positive impact on the environment. Items destined for the dump are rescued and remade into something useful. This is particularly important as our landfill space dwindles.

From April to September this year, Thrift Warehouse Haliburton, under the management of SIRCH Community Services, diverted over 23,000 cubic feet (or the equivalent of 22 shipping containers!) from Haliburton landfills! This only counts the items we picked up with the loan of Curry's truck, and Crys Alton's truck (Crystal co-ordinates the receiving area of Thrift Warehouse). The actual amount is probably close to double that as many donors simply brought their donations to the warehouse themselves. In addition to this we have diverted approximately seven tons of metal and e-waste recycling! That is a big impact on our landfills!

So what to do with all the items at Thrift Warehouse? Well, people who think outside the box can create all manner of practical and creative items with any of the thousands of the gently used items at the store. One local artist created a masterpiece with an array of wooden crutches found at the Haliburton store. Check out these photos for some other ideas.

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Converting garages into livable spaces

Many people decide to upgrade from their apartments or condominiums out of a need for more space. But even after moving into a new home, homeowners may soon begin to outgrow the room they have.

Rather than looking for a new home, some homeowners consider expansion. Expanding a living space can be expensive, and a more affordable option may be converting existing basement or garage space into something more livable. Garages already are built on a foundation, have four walls and a roof overhead, so a garage-conversion project is merely a matter of turning this utilitarian area into a living space.

Before beginning the renovation, homeowners should consider the benefits versus the cost of converting the garage. For those who are planning to grow old in a house, a garage conversion can be a worthy investment. But those who intend to sell their homes rather than retire in them may learn that a converted garage can affect home value and make it less desireable at resale. Compare your home to others in the area and see what your neighbours have done. If converted garages are the norm where you live, your own renovation may fit in with others.

Always apply for the proper permits and learn the zoning laws to see if a garage conversion is acceptable. It's best to go by the book so that work can be done in a proper manner and be inspected for safety.

Many homeowners hope their garage-conversion projects will make their garages seem like a seamless part of the rest of the house. To do so, you will need to remove evidence the space was once a garage. Slab floor will need to be raised and insulated. Walls also will need to be insulated and finished to improve comfort and soundproofing. Many garages do not have windows, so for the garage to function as a renovated space, windows may need to be added.

One of the biggest transformations will come by way of modifying the garage door entry. Some homeowners prefer to leave the existing door so that the home still has the appearance of a garage from the curb, while others remove the garage door and rebuild the exterior wall so that it has a window or another architectural element. An architect can help suggest design elements that will camouflage the original garage look and make the space seem like it was always part of the main living area of the home.

Landscaping work also can minimize the appearance of an old garage. Rather than having the driveway end at the wall of a home, shrubbery, pavers and other techniques can blend the garage renovation into the rest of the yard design.

Transforming a garage into a living space can add several hundred square feet to a home. Hire a reputable contractor and follow the municipal guidelines for modifying the space to ensure the job is done right.

Service ensures seniors are Safe at Home

The SIRCH Safe at Home program has been drawing an interest from those seniors who want to live safely in their homes as long as possible. Designed to help seniors identify risks that they might now even realize are there, Safe at Home is a time-limited program, funded by a grant from New Horizons.

Wendy Iles, coordinator of Safe at Home, has recruited volunteers, acquired appropriate police checks on all of them, and provided two days of training. Training has included the risks they will be identifying in the seniors home, as well as training in confidentiality, communications, ethics, and issues we all face in Haliburton County.

A certified home inspector helped to develop a non-invasive checklist that the volunteers complete when visiting the home. Generally these visits will last for around one hour, a little longer for a larger home.

When a request comes in, Wendy sends a team of two volunteers to the person's home. The checklist acts as a tool to determine potential trip and fall hazards, safety issues, shock hazards and other safety concerns. The checklist also acts as an education tool and will focus on issues that potentially could cause them injury, now or in the near future. Wendy will consult with the volunteers after the visit and then return a call to the senior with a report of the findings, prioritizing the top issues. A report will be provided, with suggestions of what can or should be done to remediate the top concerns (based on the checklist findings). This includes a list of local resources in the area for the senior to keep on hand.

Seniors are encouraged to share their report with family members or caregivers, and to share their experience with other seniors so that they too might benefit from this free program.

If you want in on this amazing free service contact Wendy Iles at 705-457-1742 or by email wendy_iles@sirch.on.ca by Oct. 31 at the latest. Funding ends soon!

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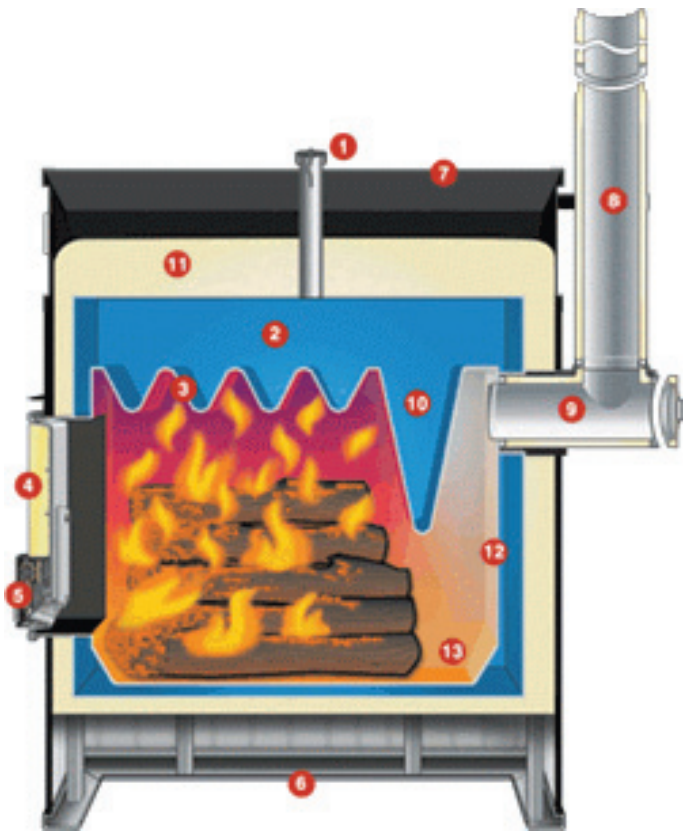

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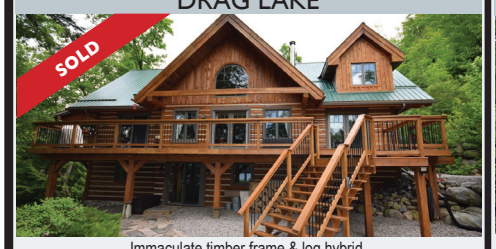

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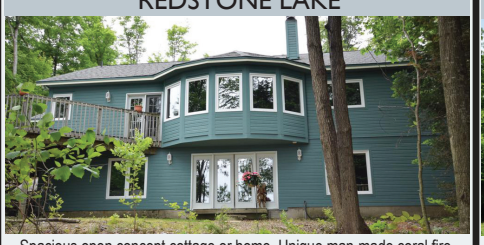

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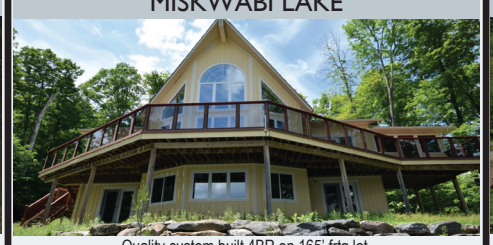

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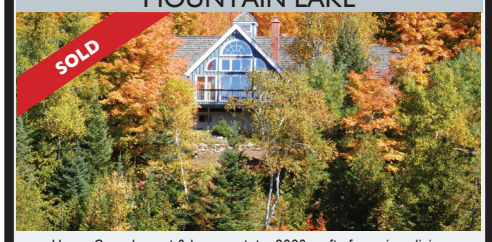

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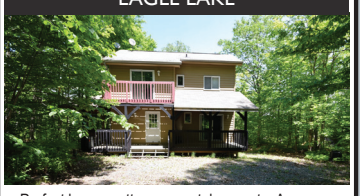

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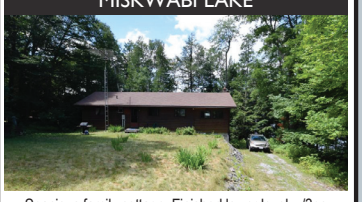

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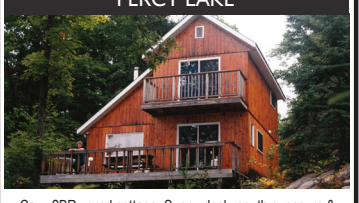

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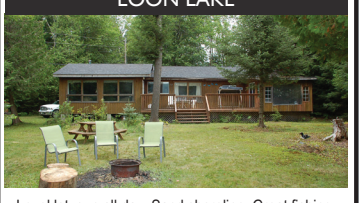

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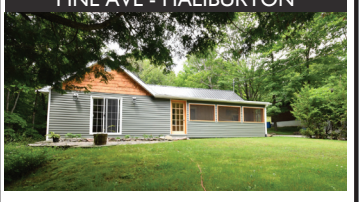

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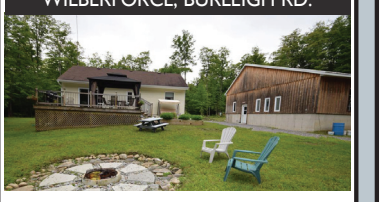

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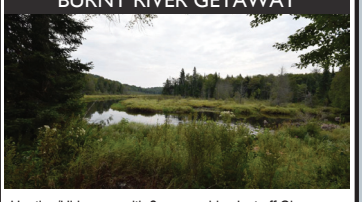

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Dixon pens Tornado Hunter song

A chance meeting in Saskatchewan between local musician Carl Dixon and tornado hunter Greg Johnson led the pair of them to team up on Johnson's new TV show, *Tornado Hunters*.

Dixon wrote the title track and theme song for the series, set to air Oct. 16, after meeting Johnson in February.

Both men were keynote speakers at the Saskatchewan Safety Conference. Johnson was there talking about chasing the storms across North America (and how to stay safe while doing so) and Dixon spoke about his serious car accident in Australia and his incredible comeback.

Dixon had a head-on collision in 2008, which resulted in 50 serious injuries and a 35-hour surgery. Since that time, he has signed two recording deals, published a book and is writing for television.

The two men hit it off right away, talking about their commonalities – for example, Johnson has also just published a book, titled *Blown Away*, which is the same title as the single on Dixon's latest album.

Their friendship led to Dixon writing the music for *Tornado Hunters*, which follows "hunters" Chris Chittick, Ricky Forbes and Johnson.

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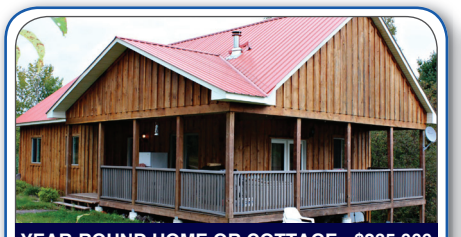

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- $695,000 for over 1350' shoreline and 100 acres of land under Managed Forest Program
- Neighbouring Lot for sale $199,000 for 315' shoreline and 4.95 acres of land

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GELERT ROAD ACREAGE - $124,900

100 acre property that would be a great hunt retreat – property is abundant in wildlife, great for hunters and nature enthusiasts. Recreational property with many trails throughout, red pine plantation on property. Access off of Municipal Road.

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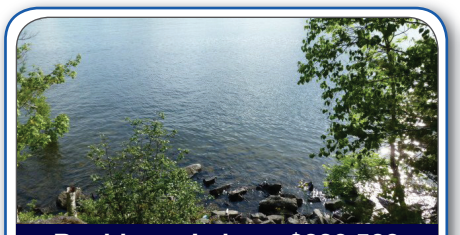
Condo construction begins

Site prep work has begun for the condominium project being built at 9 Newcastle Street in Minden. The 15-unit building is a project of Trophy Property Corporation and Greystone Construction. Construction is expected to take 10 months. CHAD INGRAM Staff



Boshkung Lake – $239,500

-Waterfront building lot with stunning western sunset vistas, three lake chain.
-500 feet of lakefront, rocky and nicely treed 1.84 acre lot. Year round access.
-Miles of boating, fishing and exploring to enjoy. Build your dream vacation cottage/home.
-Call today for more particulars. Unique property. Must be seen.

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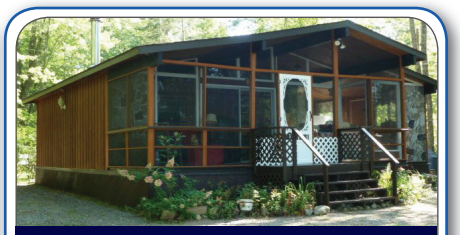

Beech Lake – $298,500

-Just listed! Extremely well kept three bedroom cottage on Beech Lake.
-Level lot with a beautiful big lake view and detached guest bunkie.
-Screened in sunroom, fully furnished, stone wood burning fireplace.
-Roof recently re-shingled and new modern septic system recently installed.

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HIGHWAY 35 HOME WITH STUDIO - $179,000

Well maintained 2 bdrm. home would be perfect for a retiree or new family – large workshop (34' x 24') that is perfect for a studio tour location or a small business location - located off Hwy 35 in Carnarvon area.

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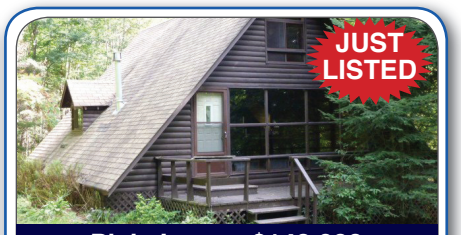

JUST LISTED

Pixie Lane – $148,900

-Just listed! Value priced four season home/vacation getaway in Minden Hills.
-Level and very nicely treed lot within walking distance to 12 Mile Lake Beach on Chambers Road.
-Interior all done in pine. Two bedrooms includes an extra large loft, 3 pc. bath.
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CRANBERRY LAKE $379,500

-210 ft. of water frontage with excellent swimming
-Spacious year-round home or cottage, 3+1 bdrms., 2 baths
-Cathedral ceilings, cork flooring, concrete countertops
-Full Walkout Basement, Large Screened Porch, 2-car garage

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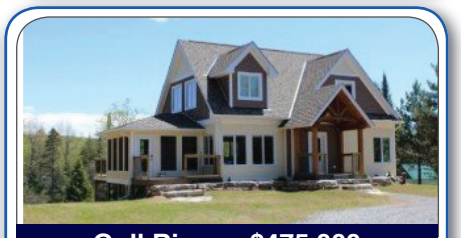

Gull River - $475,000

-Modern Guildcrest home with 1850 square feet of top quality construction. Full finished walk out basement.
-Level waterfront lot with a circular drive. Short boat ride into beautiful Gull Lake.
-Stunning kitchen, sunroom with deck, vaulted ceiling, open concept, modern appliances.
-Three baths, propane heating, drilled well, boat launch nearby. A must see!

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BEECH LAKE $298,500

-Adorable 3-season Cottage with Large Bunkie
-100 ft. frontage, shallow entry water frontage
- 3 bedrooms, fireplace, large screened porch
- Completely level, spacious lot

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Mountain Lake - $399,000

-Immaculate three bedroom year round vacation cottage. Drilled well, modern septic.
-Large deck, modern oversized detached garage with loft, great docking.
-Nicely treed with great privacy on the lakefront with a fabulous big lake view.
-Wonderful boating, swimming, fishing and exploring await on this pristine two lake chain.

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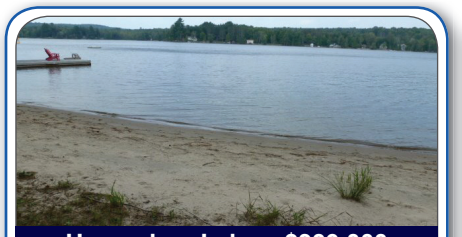

Horseshoe Lake – $289,000

-New listing! Wonderful building lot on Shuylers Island. Year round road access.
-Spectacular level lot with an awesome sand beach and superb lake views. Perfect for the kids.
-Hydro and telephone at the back of the lot. Build your dream home/cottage on this ideal lot.
-Miles of boating pleasure with access into Mountain Lake. Close to golf course.

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JUST LISTED

Gull Lake - $425,000

- Year Round Cottage/Home
- Oversized Heated Garage
- Level Lot and Easy Access
- Sand Bottom Entry to Lake

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RIVER FRONT $349,000

This 3 bdrm Brick Home is in the Village of Minden with privacy and 3+ acres to enjoy. A spacious open concept kitchen, dining and living area. Barn & Studio. This is Lovely

SAND BEACH $349,900

Beautiful southerly exposure, 3 bedroom home, level lot with detached oversized garage. Majestic mature pine trees line the walk to the lake, lounging deck, dock and hard packed sand beach.

CONVENIENT LOCATION $319,000

Built in 2007, 1400 sq ft home plus fully finished basement, sunroom, deck and attached garage on just under a one acre level lot. Conveniently located close to Hwy 35 and 118

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NEW LISTING - Salerno Lake
$339,900

One of Haliburton's finest fishing lakes, Salerno Lake offers lots of boating opportunities as well as scenic views from this cottage and throughout of the lake. The southern exposure is 2nd to a whopping 270' of frontage and seclusion with stunning stone landscaping and a hard packed sand beach to deep water off the end of the dock. A cute 2 bedroom cottage/cabin with a small loft and cozy feel tops off a perfect "cottagy cottage" type property!!!

57 Invergordon Avenue
Minden Village - $184,900

Perfect location `in town` with all amenities within walking distance including hospital. Perfect location in the village, 3 bedrooms, well kept, many upgrades, high and dry location next to Gull River and the Riverwalk including a bridge to cross the river right at the doorstep. Close to all amenities and shopping as well as schools and hospital...GREAT value!

"Walker's Pond" Lake Waterfront Home/Cottage $659,900

Stunning! Wow! A short walk to the White Water Preserve at Horseshoe/Minden Lakes, a Naturalists and Birders paradise located on a very private lot on the water that is perfect for canoeing or kayaking. A stunning Viceroy home that has 4 bedrooms, 4 bath rooms, many walkouts and very high quality interior finishing. A short drive to Blairhampton Golf Club and centrally located between Minden and Haliburton. Must be seen to be appreciated!

Redstone Lake Cottage/Waterfront Home - $569,900

A gentle lot to a toddler and elderly safe beach will be automatic plusses for any type of buyer then add in a spectacular view of one of Redstone's islands, over 300' frontage on the lake and a secluded lot and you have the best of it all! The 4 season cottage/waterfront home has drilled well, a beautiful lakeside screened porch, tastefully decorated including 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and a full walkout basement...book a showing today, this won't disappoint!

Gorgeous Koshlong Lake
$579,900

A stunning bald rock point of land featuring over 800' of shoreline with whispering pines and breathtaking views from everywhere on the property is what you'll find as your first impression. Sunsets from the open concept LR/DR/KT areas in the cottage are a highlight and with this cottage you'll find more than ample room for guests and entertaining as well. A shallow entry sand and rock shoreline at the dock is also a highlight!

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UPCOMING

Community Events

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Dated Events

Maple Lake United Church Harvest Dinner
When:SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
Where: Corner of Hwy 118 and Airport Road
One sitting only. Cost is $15.00 and take-outs will be available. Reservations are recommended
Please call Pat Marshall (705-754-2980 or Beverly Upton (705-286-2130). Look forward to seeing you there.

The Haliburton County Farmers' Association, Great Pumpkin contest
When: October 10th, 10:00 am weight in
Where:Minden Home Hardware
Prizes for all including, biggest (heaviest) ugliest, smallest
Open to all who bring a pumpkin grown by them in Haliburton County. Come and enjoy the fun!

Maple, Beech & Cameron Lakes Property Association Thanksgiving Food Drive
In support of the Minden Food Bank
When: Sunday Oct. 11th 11:30 to 5:30
Monday Oct. 12th 9:00 to 4:30
Where: St. Peter's Church, Located on St. Peter's Road off hwy 118, north of Carnarvon
MBC Assoc. will accept the following:
-Non Perishable Goods - canned and dry foods. Please consider donating items suitable for kid's lunches such as 100% juice boxes, fruit cups, canned tuna, ham or salmon.
-Fresh Fruits and Vegetables - apples, oranges, carrots, potatoes, beans (no frozen or expired food)
-Toiletries - toothpaste/brush, shampoo, soap, dish & laundry soap
For more information call: 705-754-9895

Haliburton County Historical Society
When: October 12th (Thanksgiving Day)
Presentation of Plaque
Where: Clergy House, Minden

Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists Presents:
Doug Tozer, Ontario Program Scientist, Bird Studies Canada
Lessons from Loons: What Our Wilderness Symbol is Telling Us
When: Tuesday, October 13th, 7 pm
Where: Nature's Place, Minden (formerly R.D. Lawrence Place, next to the Minden Library)
Public Welcome $5.00, Members Free

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic,
When: Wednesday, October 14, 10:30 am to Noon.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild
When: Wednesday October 14 at 1 pm
Where: Stanhope Community Centre
Bill vanKoot from Caygeon Wood Spirits will demonstrate using paverpol to create a Fathertime figure. Non-members welcome for $2. Call Pat Campbell for information (705) 457-1211.

HALIBURTON: 'Meet the Dietitian
When: Wednesday, October 21, 10 am to Noon
Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton Village.
An opportunity for parents/caregivers to speak to a Public Health Dietitian and learn more about introducing solids and first meals, feeding your family, mealtime routines, dealing with picky eaters and preparing healthy snacks. NutriSTEP Screening is available for children 18 months to five years of age. Call 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1233, for more information.

HALIBURTON: S.T.O.P. (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program
When: Wednesday, October 21, 1:30 pm.
STOP Program supports smokers trying to quit by providing them with five weeks of nicotine patches at no cost. Smokers will also get educational material and other resources to help them in the quitting process. To see if you are eligible, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2000.

HALIBURTON: Food Handler Course
When: Thursday, October 22, 9 am to 5 pm
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.
This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is $40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391.

Recurring Events

Al-anon Minden
When; Monday evenings at 8 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

The VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength and flexibility.
When: Minden, Tuesday's at 11 at the Hyland Crest Auditorium, Haliburton, Thursdays at 1pm at EchoHills.
Please contact Judy Webb@ 705-286-5098 or Carol Browne @ 705-457-4551 for more information.

Kitchen Party Music Jams
When: Every Saturday From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (continuous event)
Where: Dominion Hotel Pub, 113 Main Street, Minden, ON
Details: Musicians are welcome to come out to play and Fans are welcome to come out and enjoy the music at the free Jam Sessions every Saturday afternoon - 1st Saturday Folk/Celtic Music, 2nd & 5th Saturdays Mixed Acoustic Music, 3rd Saturday Country Music & 4th Saturday Bluegrass Music.
Contact: Gerry Mitchell at (705)799-5008 or by email at kitchenpartymusicjams@hotmail.com

Cancer Support Group,
Open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir
When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7-9 pm
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Toastmasters
When: Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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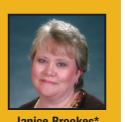
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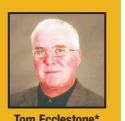
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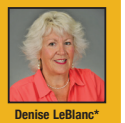
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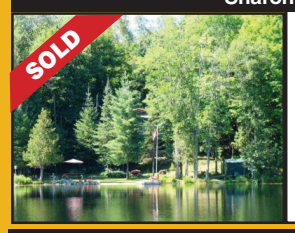
Moose Lake $1,249,000

NEW LISTING

- Fabulous 6 bdrm, 4 bath, open concept living area
- Massive screen room, extensive lake views, 3 Bay garage
- Exceptional privacy
- Call Drew for further details

Drew Bishop 457–2128 x 23

Sharon Lake $229,900


SOLD

- 110 ft of great swimming with 10 ft deep
- 3 bedroom plus loft, 1 full bath Viceroy
- High crawl space under cottage could be spray foamed
- No motor spring fed lake with great fishing

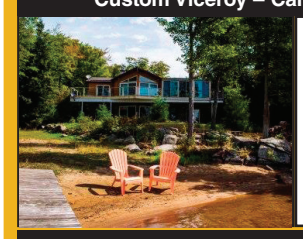
Dagmar Boettcher 457–5968

3 bdrm Haliburton in Town

- Walk to all amenities
- Everything on main level & laundry
- Garage with loft/level backyard
- High ceilings/Large Kitchen
- A must see at $199,000!

Janice Brookes 457–2128 x 22

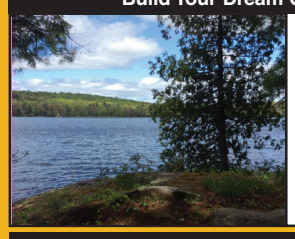
Custom Viceroy – Canning Lake $899,000



- Private home 3.9 acres with 5 Lake chain boating
- 3450 Sq Ft includes open concept living & entertaining space
- 4 large bedrooms & 3 full baths as well as finished lower level
- Quality construction & energy efficient, this one really has it all!

Kim Butt 286–2138 x 31

Build Your Dream Cottage $269,000



- 210 Ft shore and 1.9 acres on Paddy's Bay
- Excellent lot to build your dream cottage
- Hydro & Bell at road, driveway off Kennisis Lk Rd
- Sand & rock outcrop shoreline, good swimming

Gloria Carnochan 754–1932

Little Kennisis Lake $599,900

SOLD

- 505 Ft Waterfront, 1.76 Acres
- 2900 Sq Ft building
- Cathedral ceilings
- Gorgeous South/Southwest exposure;
- Two – 2bdrm cabins for guests

Mark Dennys 457–2128 x 30

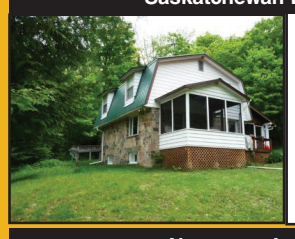
Four Bedroom Country Home $252,900

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!

- 6 acres, private, plenty of hard wood, just minutes to Minden
- 2 full baths, 2 storage buildings and "The Hot Tub Hut"
- Beautiful New Kitchen, built in appliances, open concept living
- Great level yard, perfect for children, a truly lovely family home

Tom Ecclestone 286–2138 x 26

Saskatchewan Lake $199,900



- Two story home or cottage
- Fully winterized, drilled well
- Great hiking, kayaking, swimming
- Rental potential, 3 bdrm, FAO

Lee Gauthier 754–1482

Minden Home $264,500

NEW PRICE

- Bright home situated on a level 1 acre landscaped property
- 3 + 1 bedrooms master bedroom with ensuite, 3 bathrooms
- 16x24 heated garage. New furnace 2014, central air
- Close to Minden, snowmobile trails & Horseshoe Lake

Ed Gibbons 286–2138 x 28

Haliburton Lakefront Classic! $599,000

NEW PRICE

- Charming 3200 sq ft home; 3BR; 2 bath
- 170' ftg on Grass Lake; 5 Lake chain
- Beautifully landscaped; Western exposure; Large decks
- Ideal for a large family or entertaining

Andrew Hodgson 286–2138 x 29

Negaunee Lake $279,900

NEW LISTING

- 3BR cottage on peaceful lake
- 2x6 construction, full crawlspace
- New flooring and bath
- Year round Municipal road

Susanne James & Andy Mosher
457–2128 x 33

Gull River $259,900

NEW LISTING

- Year round 2 bdrm home or cottage
- Boat into Gull lake or Minden, good swimming

2 beautiful sun/screen rooms, central vac
Level private lot, air tight woodstove

Denise LeBlanc 286–2138 x 23

Highland Gate $199,900

NEW PRICE

- Well maintained, immaculate log home with 1 1/2 car garage
- Spacious living space, walkout from the dining room makes it perfect for entertaining
- 3 good sized bedrooms with 4 piece bath including walk–in tub
- Main floor laundry, adjacent lot also for sale!

David Lee 286–2138 x 27

Hobby Farm Plus! $319,000

- 8.8 acres about 2 acres fenced 2 plus 1 bedroom and 2 full baths Heated workshop and large shed 62 X 27 ft barn and paved drive
- Call Denise For Details!

Erin Nicholls 457–2128 x 34

'Turn Key' on Sparrow Lake $567,900

- 3 Winterized cottages on Sparrow Lake in Gravenhurst
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- Everything has been updated beautifully
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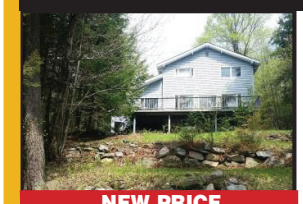
NEW PRICE

- Spacious lakefront home on quiet No–Motor Lake – known for its Lake Trout fishing & tranquility
- Lovely kitchen, open concept living/dining room & walkout to screened room
- 3 Bedrooms & large office on the upper floor & a full walkout basement

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Paradise Lake $239,000

NEW LISTING

- 180 feet of waterfront on Paradise Lake with a big lake view on year round road
- Great opportunity to own waterfront at a very affordable price & close to Haliburton
- 3 bed, 1 bath cottage/home is winterized & has full unfinished basement

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Sensational Soyers Lake $589,000

- Premier lake of our only 5 lake chain, amazing recreational opportunities await
- Fabulous 3 bedroom cottage with 2 1/2 baths, open concept living area, amazing kitchen
- Fully finished lower level with wonderful family room and second kitchen
- Cottage comes fully furnished and equipped, also has detached double car garage and lakeside shed.

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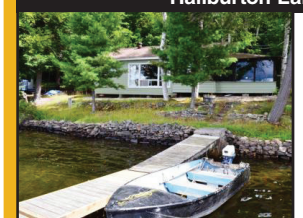
Haliburton Lake $349,900



- Enjoy spectacular sunsets from this well–kept 3 bedroom cottage
- Large screened porch with easy year round access
- Close to public beach and boat launch

Elizabeth Thompson 457–2128 x 52

Hall's Lake $689,900

- Newer 4 Bedroom/3 Bath Home/Cottage
- Open Concept, Cathedral Ceilings, Hardwood Floors, Propane Fireplace
- Full Finished Walk–Out Basement
- 151' Shoreline, Year Round Access, Dbl. Att'd Garage

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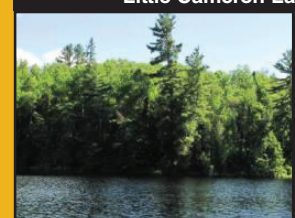
Little Cameron Lake from $125,000



- Large waterfront lots
- Year round access
- Site Plan agreement completed
- Convenient to Minden and Haliburton

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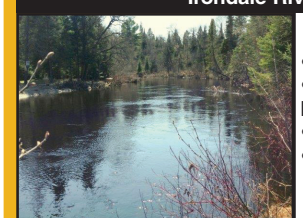
Irondale River $58,000



- Well treed 3.19 acre lot
- 470 feet of frontage on the Irondale River
- Easy, year–round access
- Close to amenities

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Big Brother Lake $324,900

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- Picturesque Algonquin Park like setting
- 3 bedroom year round cottage set amongst 1000's of acres of crown land
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- 5 lake chain plus hundreds more lakes to explore via canoe route

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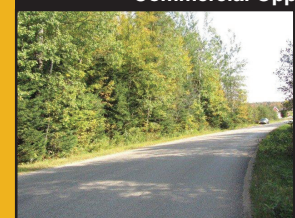
Commercial Opportunity $49,900



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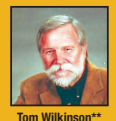
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Legion Events

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Jan Simon PRO

Friday Community Care 55+ Lunch 12:00pm
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Everyone 55+ Welcome!!
Pool 2:30pm
Jam Session 7:30PM

Saturday Turkey Shoot – Popcorn Pond 10am-2pm
Ladies Welcome!! Absolutely NO Alcohol!!
Meat Draw 2:00 pm - 5:00pm
- Early Bird 3pm sharp

Monday Bid Euchre

Wednesday Fun Darts

Upcoming event - Please Note Date Change

Murder Mystery Dinner, Saturday, October 17th. Cocktails 5:00pm – Dinner 6:00pm
$20.00 per person - Purchase tickets in advance at the Branch – limited seating

Veterans Dinner – Please note date change
Saturday, November 7th , Cocktails 5:00pm – Dinner 6:00pm
Come out and help us honour our Veterans $15.00 for non veterans

Branch 129, Haliburton

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1pm

Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm - open to all dart players

Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1pm start
Bingo Doors open at 6pm, Bingo starts at 7pm - $500 Jackpot, **$1000 Jackpot** last Wednesday of the month. Volunteers are needed.

Thursday: General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members urged to attend Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1pm

Fridays: Cribbage 1 pm start
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw…Chester Howse, MC
Fun darts - 4:30 pm onwards

Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are 1$ each from noon onwards

Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month - 9:30 am - 1 pm $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Upcoming Events: 'An Evening of Bluegrass" featuring Hard Ryde Saturday October 24th $25/person for dinner & Show at 7pm or $15 for show only at 8pm. Tickets available at the LEgion or Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and The Fast Lane Bowling in Minden or call (705)447-2348
Ladies Auxiliary Snowflake Bazaar Saturday November 14th 9am-2pm For more details call (705)754-3319.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705)457-2571. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome!

Branch 636, Minden 705-286-4541

1st Sunday of the month - Big Euchre starting at 12 noon, 12 games for $12 includes lunch

1st Wednesday of the month General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm

Mon-Thurs - lunch 12-2, full menu & daily specials

Tuesdays - 12-2 Liver Lovers day, plus full menu

Wednesdays - Meat Draw at noon, $8 buys 8 chances for butcher-quality meat

Thursdays - 7pm Euchre

Fridays - beer-battered fish and chips for lunch 12-2 and 5-7pm for supper, or onion rings or chicken wings

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Top five renovation tips to create more space in your home

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Here are five great ways to create or optimize space in your existing home.

1. Finish an unfinished basement. A basement renovation can hold limitless potential and increase the resale value or income potential of your home. Think about the possibilities: a home theater, office, spare bedroom, basement apartment or recreation room. The key to doing it successfully is to focus on what's behind the walls, especially since moisture is a common issue in basements. Choosing the right insulation is critical. Look for products that are vapor permeable, dimensionally stable and mould and moisture resistant.
2. Create a more open-concept feel with light and color. If your home wasn't blessed with towering windows, installing French doors and pot lights can encourage light to travel more freely, creating the illusion of space. Likewise, choosing a paint color for walls, trim and moldings that is lighter and cooler in tone (think soft greys or blues) will help to reflect light and give the room a more open feel.
3. Remove non-load-bearing walls. Homeowners have the opportunity to rethink the layout of their home by removing non-load-bearing walls. Removing structurally unnecessary walls can make your whole home feel larger, improve flow, lighting and the function of your home.
4. Convert your garage into usable living or work space. For many homeowners, the garage becomes an overflow room for storage – and is often a walk-in headache. Convert your garage (or a portion of it) into another living space, guest bedroom or home office.
5. Choose furniture and accessories carefully. Adopt a minimalist's eye. Begin looking around your home for furniture or accessories that overwhelm the space. Interior designers recommend choosing low-profile or small-scale furniture for rooms with less square footage. Dual-purpose items, such as ottomans with storage chests inside, are a budget-friendly way to save on space while staying organized.

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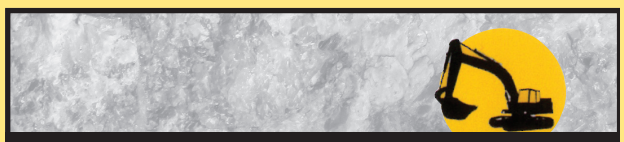

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Machenzie and I are busy at work here at Travelplus. Smart vacationers know to book early for their winter trips – this way they pay the lowest price per person, and if there are any upcoming currency surcharges their price is guaranteed and not affected by the tumbling Canadian dollar compared to the U.S. dollar.

The all-inclusive trip is prepaid in Canadian dollars, which means that all you need to pay in U.S. dollars would be incidental shopping and tours.

Cuba will not accept U.S. dollars for any purchases (yet).

Canadian dollars are converted in Cuba to the Cuban Peso for any small purchases, and Canadian bank credit cards are accepted for larger purchases

With the exchange rate from CAD to USD we find that many people who normally would drive to Florida or Texas for a month are rethinking this and Machenzie and I at Travelplus have a few destinations to suggest as an alternative:

First of all, Portugal! Transat offers weekly nonstop flights to Faro from late January to late April.

Your airfare, accommodation and transfers are prepaid in Canadian Dollars and the prices are great!

For example: March 1 to 30, staying at the four-star Luna Miramar in Albufeira is currently pricing at approximately CAD $2,300 per person based on double occupancy in a one bedroom apartment. Yes! this includes round trip airfare and transfers.

I love Portugal - and I think I have mentioned before it is worth visiting – if only for their custard tarts!

Another long stay destination being offered in March is Cyprus. This beautiful Mediterranean island offers amazing views, and is perfect for those seeking rest and relaxation (but in a four-star hotel).

The St. George's Hotel in Pafos, Cyprus is offered by Exotik Tours and is priced at $3,320 per person for three weeks – including round trip airfare, transfers and breakfast and dinner daily

If heat and great beaches is your idea of spending a few weeks this winter how about GoWay Tours Australian Gold Coast: 32 nights at a beautiful high rise apartment near Brisbane, round trip airfare from Toronto AND a two-night stopover en route in the tropical paradise of Fiji with your choice of accommodation at the Sofitel Fiji Resort or Radisson Blu now that would sure take the sting out of -30C temperatures for a month! All this for approximately $4,800 per person.

I am leaving shortly for much anticipated visit to Iceland. I am so excited! I will be seeing Northern Lights like I have never seen before.

I will be sure to tell you all about this wonderful country when I get back, so if there are no volcanoes erupting – remember those ash clouds a few years ago? Yes, that happened in Iceland – I will be home just in time for Thanksgiving with my family.

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